

Minutes
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.
City Manager's Conference Room, 202 October
8, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Members absent: none

PARD Staff in attendance: Director Lori Smeby, Assistant Director Dan Baker, Assistant Director Yvonne Falgout, Superintendent of Athletic/Aquatics Chris Cottone and Administrative Secretary Paula Vieregge

Attending Commission Members:

Gene Fitch - Chairman	Drew Hayes – Member
Steve Hendry. – Vice Chairman	Nancy Crowe – Member
Daniel Burdette – Member	Gregory Kish - Member
Pam Krause - Member	Glenn Folse – Member (conference call)
Victor Garza – Member	

1. Chairman Gene Fitch declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and Director Lori Smeby immediately set up the conference call with new member Glenn Folse.
2. Visitor – Introduced new members Greg Kish, Glenn Folse and visitor Kimberly Sisco, who will become a member in December 2019.
3. Approval of minutes.
 - June 11, 2019 minutes were approved unanimously with no changes; Victor Garza made motion to approve & Nancy Crowe 2nd the motion.
 - September Tour meeting minutes were approved unanimously with no changes; Pam Krause made motion to approve & Drew Hayes 2nd the motion. Several members commented on how much they learned and enjoyed the tour trip.
4. Presentations
 - Division Update – Chris Cottone presented an overview of the Athletic/Aquatics/Corporate Recreation Departments. He spoke on past, current and upcoming projects.
 - Senior Center Renovation Update – Director Lori Smeby presented a virtual tour video of the current design direction and the plans for transition during the renovation. The topic of potentially renaming the building, at the time of renovation, was touched upon.
5. Discussion Items
 - Bike Advisory Committee Update – presented by Nancy Crowe.
 - Event Requests – Lori Smeby presented issues and considerations regarding special use requests of park areas, by various groups.
6. Directors Reports/Project Updates
 - Duck Creek Trail Extension - Dan Baker. Conditionally awarded bid. TxDOT to review. Then council. On pace to start construction in Jan/Feb 2020. Will take approximately one year.
 - SCNA Portals – Dan Baker. Mid November projected completion.
 - Breckinridge Trail – 100% plan set. Construction funding to start November 1st.
 - Deep Dive projects – funding has been approved. Shohn Rodgers will share more next month.
 - Staff transitions – Yvonne Falgout. Kelli Cott moved, position has been realigned. Kathleen Angelucci was hired to replace. Kyle McClure is leaving end of October. Kathy's part time position is open.
 - Pawtoberfest – Yvonne Falgout. Judging positions need to be filled.

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- Christmas parade judges needed – Yvonne Falgout. Asked the group to check their calendars. Several commissioners volunteered.
- 5K's in SCNA – Lori Smeby. Trying out this new 5K route, to gauge what size groups can be accommodated.
- Regional TRAPS Conference awards – Lori Smeby. Won 4 awards: (1) Park Design Excellence Award for the SCNA perimeter trail and portals; (2) Excellence in programming for special events, for Corporate Challenge; (3) Arts & Humanities programming achievement award, for Cottonwood Arts Festival Emerging Artist program; (4) Advocate of the Year, awarded to the Richardson East Rotary Club, for their work on the Ann Eisemann Inclusive playground.

7. Department Calendar Items

- Corporate Challenge Closing Ceremony Luncheon
- Huffhines Art Trails/Pawtoberfest
- SCNA Portals Ribbon Cutting/Photo Opportunity

8. Items of interest

- Vice Chairman Steve Hendry – Commended Dan, Lori and the crew on keeping the parks in great order,
- Daniel Burdette – reiterated about the interest in a Richardson skate park.
- Nancy Crowe – Cottonwood was great.
- Pam Krause – An artist at Cottonwood said it is his number 1 and 2 favorite shows to do every year; the artists are always treated the best. Asked another artist why he was there; didn't like his art.
- Victor Garza – recently had National Night Out at Lookout park, it was a great event; thank you for providing great facilities. Great fellowship and community.
- Drew Hayes – Cottonwood was fantastic! Went so smoothly. Maybe put giant ice blocks out next year.
- Gregory Kish – Observations in dealing with his daughters for soccer games, parking is a big issue, both at Lookout park and the Y.
- Gene Fitch – two quick things: (1) resident mentioned the lack of restrooms at all the parks; (2) food vendors at Cottonwood, peddling to the pick-up soccer players at Cottonwood park. Lori Smeby alerted the group that it is against the law to run off a minor who is selling lemonade. Legally they can sell on the public property. Gene may miss the November meeting, so will meet with Steve to discuss. In January, we'll have a presentation from Barry Young of Oncor, regarding the process they go through to construct trails near power lines.
- Glenn Folse (over the phone) – Congratulations to Lori and her team on the awards, that is impressive for the city. Sitting and listening from a distance, the process is impressive. Congratulations to the group.

8. Chairman Gene Fitch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Burdette made a motion, and Nancy Crowe 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paula Vieregge, City of Richardson Parks & Recreation Department

Minutes approved at November 12, 2019, regular meeting:

Gene Fitch, Jr., Chairman